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TAGS: EINV, PE, US

SUBJECT: PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO ISSUES STATEMENT ON  
PERU'S EXPROPRIATION OF GULF OIL CORP

1. PERUVIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO CARRIES OUT ACTIVE PROGRAM  
OF PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS RELEASES TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY  
PERUVIAN ACTIONS, USUALLY IN SOME WAY AFFECTING CHILE.  
MAY 16 EL MERCURIO PUBLISHES A PERUVIAN EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE  
ON PERU'S EXPROPRIATION OF GULF, ISSUED ON BASIS THAT EMBASSY  
"JUDGES IT APPROPRIATE TO INFORM CHILEAN PUBLIC OPINION"  
OF THE CONTRACT CANCELLATION AND EXPROPRIATION.

2. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT SINCE THE PRESIDENT OF GULF  
ADMITTED PAYMENT OF \$4 MILLION IN BRIBES TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS  
TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS, AND SINCE "SUCH  
PROCEDURES OFFEND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MORALITY AND  
ARE SUBJECT TO PENAL LEGISLATION," AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS INFLUENCED BY SUCH ACTIONS,  
PERU HAS HALTED GULF OPERATIONS AND ORDERED EXPROPRIATION.  
COMMUNIQUE FURTHER STATES PERUVIAN ECONOMIC AND FINANCE  
MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY COMPENSATION

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AND GIVES ASSURANCE THAT GOP'S DECISION SHOULD NOT BE

CONSIDERED AS AFFECTING THE PRESENCE IN PERU OF LAW-ABIDING FOREIGN COMPANIES. DECISION IS, HOWEVER, THE CONSEQUENCE OF REVULSION PROPERLY FELT IN LATIN AMERICA AS RESULT OF GULF'S CONDUCT, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTAND DEMAND OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT THAT TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER PERUVIAN EMBASSIES ELSEWHERE HAVE ISSUED SIMILAR STATEMENTS, AND HAVE SEEN NO LOCAL COMMENT ON THIS ONE.

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